

a movable front hood and a fixed rear hood, that attach the reel foot to the reel foot placing surface; and

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a trigger protruding from the lower portion of the circumferential surface of the oblong pipe-shaped body at a fixed position and angle, the trigger having a front surface, the front surface of the trigger sloping substantially toward the downward and backward direction relative to a rear end of the lower portion of the circumferential surface of the oblong pipe-shaped body and having a length such that at least two of an average size adult user's fingers can be placed thereon,

wherein a center axis of the trigger is non-perpendicular with respect to a center axis of the fishing rod body.

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5. (Thrice Amended) A fishing rod comprising:

a fishing rod body extending in a downward and backward direction, on which line guides are mounted;

a reel seat;

a handle that extends backward from a position of the reel seat; and

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a trigger protruding from a position opposite to a reel foot placing surface at a fixed position and angle, the trigger having a front surface, the front surface of the trigger sloping substantially downward and backward relative to a rear end of a lower portion of the reel seat and having a length such that at least two of an average size adult user's fingers can be placed thereon,

wherein a center axis of the trigger is non-perpendicular with respect to a center axis of the fishing rod body.

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